



City of Santa Barbara California

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION – MST2011-00315

A Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (DMND) has been prepared for the following project, pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970," as amended to date.

PROJECT LOCATION: 1400-1700 BLOCKS EAST CABRILLO BLVD (ANDREE CLARK BIRD REFUGE) AND 1414 PARK PLACE (CULVERT)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposal to remove 0.86 acres of marsh vegetation from Andree Clark Bird Refuge and restore 0.86 acres of wetland habitat at the Refuge, and remove silt and vegetation from a grouted sandstone culvert along Old Coast Highway and from a concrete culvert entering the Bird Refuge from the north, for a total of 0.07 acres from the culverts. Maintenance activities would occur over a five-year period to keep the affected locations free of marsh vegetation. The purpose of the project is to restore water flow and conveyance in the lake and culverts to reduce mosquito production and flooding, improve water quality and limit eutrophication and resulting odors. The proposal would also protect the diversity of habitats at the Bird Refuge.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: An Initial Study and a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (DMND) have been prepared for this project and are available for review and comment. The DMND examines environmental impacts which may be associated with this project. Potentially significant environmental effects identified in the DMND that are anticipated as a result of the project include impacts related to biological resources, cultural resources, noise, public services and water environment. The DMND includes proposed mitigation measures to mitigate potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The DMND is available for review at the Planning Division, 630 Garden Street between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and at the Public Library at 40 E. Anapamu Street during hours of operation. And online at www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/eir.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The City of Santa Barbara encourages the public to provide written comment on this and other projects. The public review period begins on **Tuesday, September 13, 2011**. Comments on the DMND must be submitted by **Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 4:30 p.m.** Please send your comments to: City of Santa Barbara, Parks and Recreation Department, Attn: **Kathy Frye, Natural Areas Planner**, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990, or send them electronically to **KFrye@SantaBarbaraCA.gov**.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING: Any interested person may request a hearing before the Planning Commission to comment on this document by filing a hearing request with the Planning Division on or before **Friday, September 23, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.** If a hearing is requested, a tentative hearing has been scheduled for the Planning Commission on **Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at City Hall. If you have any questions, wish to know more about this application, or wish to review the plans, please contact Kathy Frye, Natural Areas Planner, at (805) 897-1976, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Thursday) and every other Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please check office hours on our City website. Additionally, confirm with Ms. Frye if a hearing will be held as no further notice will be provided.

If a hearing is requested, an Agenda with all items to be heard on Thursday, October 13, 2011, will be available at 630 Garden Street on Thursday, October 6, 2011. **AGENDAS, MINUTES and REPORTS:** Copies of all documents relating to agenda items are available for review at 630 Garden St., in the City Clerk's Office, at the Central Library, and www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/pc. Please note that on-line Staff Reports may not include

some exhibits. Agenda items are subject to change. It is recommended that applicants and interested persons plan to arrive at 1:00 P.M. However, for longer agendas, all parties are encouraged to monitor Channel 18 and when the item prior to the application of interest begins, come to the Commission hearing. Continuances will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you have any questions, wish to know more about this application, or wish to review the plans, please contact Kathy Frye, Natural Areas Planner, at (805) 897-1976 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and every other Friday. Please confirm office closure dates on our City website.

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: Following the end of the DMND public review period, a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration including responses to comments will be prepared, and subsequent noticed public hearing will be held at the Planning Commission and City Council to consider actions to approve the project. If you challenge the permit approval or environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission, or in a public hearing on the project.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to gain access to, comment at, or participate in this meeting, please contact the Planning Division Office at (805) 564-5470, extension 4535. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements in most cases.